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PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket 960296.97257

First Inventor Eric W. Triplett

Title Bacterial Inoculants for Enhancing Plant Growth

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 202311. ☒ Fee transmittal Form
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 18]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets ☐

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in prior application, see 37CFR 1.63(d)(2)
and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 Copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)
- 10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(where there is an assignee)
- 11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- 14. ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
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- 16. ☐ Other:

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Prior application information: Examiner:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	710.00
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

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2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
17	-20**= 0	X 0	= 0
Independent 13	-3**= 10	X 18	= 180.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			=

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920	112	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840	113	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
146	710	246	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	270	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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